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SUBJECT: EC/PRC RELATIONS: THE CHINESE COME KNOCKING

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP'S
CHEF DE CABINET, FROSCHMAIER, THAT PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE EC
HUAN HSIANG CALLED ON HAFERKAMP LAST WEEK TO CONVEY ON AN
"URGENT" BASIS PRC POSITION THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EC
ON A TRADE AGREEMENT SHOULD REUSME SOON. ACCORDING TO
FROSCHMAIER, HUAN HSIANG BLAMED THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN
EC/PRC RELATIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR ON THE "GANG OF FOUR",
AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE WAS NOW NOTHING TO PREVENT
SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EC'S NOVEMBER 1974 OFFER OF A
STANDARD FRAMEWORK TRADE AGREEMENT.

2. FROSCHMAIER SAID THAT HAFERKAMP HAD WELCOMED THIS PRC
INITIATIVE AND SUGGESTED THAT WORKING LEVEL TALKS BEGIN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FROSCHMAIER SAID THESE TALKS WILL
BE CONDUCTED BY PRC MISSION COUNSELOR LI SHU-TE AND
COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
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DE KERGORLAY.

3. FROSCHMAIER TOLD US THAT HAFERKAMP, AND OTHERS IN
THE COMMISSION, FEEL THAT THIS SUDDEN MOVE BY THE
CHINESE WAS STIMULATED BY THE SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE
USSR WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE A FISHING AGREEMENT
WITH THE COMMUNITY. AS FAR AS THE PROSPECTIVE EC/PRC

TRADE AGREEMENT ITSELF IS CONCERNED, FROSCHMAIER
SAID THERE WERE ESSENTIALLY TWO REMAINING POINTS OF
DIFFICULTY: MFN AND SAFEGUARDS. HE PREDICTED THESE
COULD BE OVERCOME SOON AFTER TALKS BEGIN.MORRIS

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